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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

If the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues in any of the claims now pending in the application, the Examiner is urged to telephone George Wolken Jr., Esq. at (408) 567-0340 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

**Amendments to the Claims**

Pursuant to page 4 of the office action, claim 2 is amended herein to be an independent claim, including the elements of previous claim 1 (now canceled). From MPEP § 2143.03 "If an independent claim is nonobvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103, then any claim depending therefrom is nonobvious." (citations omitted). Applicants respectfully submit that claims 3-6, depending on patentable claim 2, are thus patentable. Thus, claims 2-7 as presently pending in this application are allowable.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above amendments comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 (b)(1) and MPEP § 714.13, and thus are to be admitted in this case. These amendments place this application in condition for allowance.

**Conclusion**

In view of the above amendments and arguments, the applicants respectfully submit all claims 2-7 are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both

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reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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